Mr. T. C. Thomman : Yes.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : In that capacity, was the member dealing with the Registration Department ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : Yes.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know whether there are other heads of departments who have had previous experience of the department ?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know how that supplementary question arises ?

President : Probably the member is trying to show the fitness of the Director of Registration for every job.

Claim for allowance by the Director of Registration.

118. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Registration had submitted any representation to them claiming certain allowance and what was their decision thereon ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : Yes. The request was not granted.

Parava community in Travancore.

119. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state the numerical strength of the Parava community in Travancore ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman 13,602, according to the Census of 1931.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know why this figure is given without reference to the report of the Census Commissioner ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : The answer is there.

Breeding of fish that live upon eggs of mosquitoes.

120. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is possible to spread the breeding of Garabousia, a kind of fish that live upon eggs of mosquitoes, in this country ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : Yes, to a limited extent. The matter is engaging the attention of the Public Health Department.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know where this fish is found, in which part of the world please ?

Mr. T. C. Thomman : In Mysore.

Budget of the Agricultural Department.

121. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount sanctioned annually to the Agricultural Department till some four or five years ago ; and

(*b*) the amount that is now being sanctioned annually during the last four or five years ?

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